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Vote Mercaz

RABBI ELLIOT J. COSGROVE

As I have written in email and on our website, Israelis will go to the polls on March 17, 2015 to elect their new leadership. Though not citizens of the State of Israel, American Jewry will be deeply affected by the outcome of these



elections. Not only are we naturally invested in the safety and security of the Jewish state, but our own Jewish identities are tied into the rough and tumble realities of Israeli

politics. Independent of its deleterious “internal” effects on Israeli society, the Ultra-Orthodox Chief Rabbinate’s stranglehold on matters of personal status alienates Israel from its most devoted diaspora Jewish constituencies. The Conservative Judaism we proudly practice is neither funded nor recognized by the Israeli

government. With all of the challenges facing Israel, we cannot afford a gulf to emerge between our Judaism and the Judaism of our beloved Jewish homeland.

There is, however, an election you can participate in to impact world Jewry: the World Zionist Congress Elections. Every four years the World Zionist Organization elects a congress empowered to set the priorities and budget for the Jewish Agency for Israel – the executive branch of the legally recognized representative of World Jewry. Of the 500 delegates to the WZO congress, the USA will send 145, to be divided among a dozen different parties. The results of these elections will, in very real terms, shape the global Jewish agenda and the Jewish agency budget of more than \$300,000,000.

“Mercaz” is the name of the slate representing Conservative Judaism. By voting Mercaz, not only are you demonstrating pride in Conservative Judaism, but you are taking an affirmative step to shape the Jewish character of Israeli society. Mercaz

is committed to the “recognition of all the major streams of Judaism, along with the right of their rabbis to officiate in regard to all issues of personal status ... including marriage, conversion, divorce and burial.” The Mercaz vision for a Jewish, Zionist, democratic and pluralistic Israel is voice that needs to be heard and can be strengthened only by our full support. Furthermore, as the World Zionist Organization controls 50 percent of the Jewish agency, a strong Mercaz showing can significantly impact support for Conservative/Masorti institutions around the world.

The elections run through April 20, 2015. One can register to vote by going to www.votemercaz.org. If you have not yet voted, do it now. As proud Zionists, we have both an obligation and opportunity to make our voice heard – especially on those issues that affect the core of our Jewish souls. Vote Mercaz, and be part of shaping the global Jewish agenda. It is simple, it is fast, and it is the easiest way to participate in this critical conversation.

Keep us informed, so we can keep you informed. If you have any new information (new phone, home address, email, etc.) please contact the main office so that we can update our database.

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Please join us for the 11th Annual
Park Avenue Synagogue Gala

An Evening Celebrating Park Avenue Synagogue *A Community For a Lifetime*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street

6:30 pm Program, Dinner, Dancing

Scheduled Appearance by The Maccabeats

Dietary Laws Observed

Festive Attire

Our Gala this month celebrates the community and the role of Park Avenue Synagogue at every stage of our lifetimes. Some of us first entered this community as babies being named on the bimah. Many of us stepped through the doors to begin our formal Hebrew education, while others have arrived after our children have gone off to college. Whatever stage of life we are in, our synagogue offers a thriving community for prayer, study, and friendship. As you read this Bulletin, you will see on every page how Park Avenue Synagogue provides gateways to a rich Jewish life. Wherever we are in our lifelong Jewish journey – celebrating Bnei Mitzvah as teens or studying to read from the Torah as adults, learning our first Shabbat songs as toddlers or preparing to lead a family seder – the synagogue is here to support us on special days and on ordinary days, during times of sorrow and at times of joy.

Please join in the celebration! To buy tickets, visit pasyn.org or call Craig Demarest at 212-369-2600, x111.

Preparing for Passover 5775 At PAS

Mekhirat Hametz, Sale of Hametz

Remember to appoint Rabbi Zuckerman as your agent to sell your hametz. To use the online Authorization to Sell Hametz, visit pasyn.org; under Worship with Us, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources. You can also download a print version from the website, or pick one up in the lobby or in the rabbis' office, and drop it off at the main office or the rabbis' office.

For information on how to make your kitchen ready for Passover and what foods are permitted during the holiday, see the enclosed **Pesah Guide 5775**. If you need another copy, pick one up at the synagogue or download it from pasyn.org.

For details about all of these pre-Pesah events, and for a schedule of Pesah events, visit pasyn.org.

Men's Club Wine Tasting and Sale

Thursday | March 19 | 7:00 pm

Rothschild Library Seder Pop-Up Shop

Monday, March 23 – Tuesday, March 31



Tikkun Olam Pre-Pesah Hametz Food Drive

Monday, March 23 – Wednesday, April 1

Collection containers in the lobby & 5th floor. Bring unopened packages and cans (no glass) of nonperishable food to the synagogue for donation to the New York Common Pantry.

Passover Ritual Object Workshops with Ellen Alt: Tambourines

Wednesday | March 25 | 9:15 – 10:30 am

Thursday | March 26 | 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Attend one or both.

College Connections Pesah Package Deadline

Thursday | March 26 | 5:00 pm

If you've not yet submitted or updated your student's address, visit pasyn.org and click on College Connections in time for him or her to receive a Pesah package from PAS.

Sponsored by JBJCS in partnership with the PAS Caring Network and Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun

Coping with the Empty Seat at the Seder: A Pesah Program for Bereaved Jews

Thursday | March 26 | 6:30 pm

Schedule of Religious Services

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WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shaharit Monday – Friday at 7:15 am, except where noted. Sunday and February 16 at 9:00 am.
Ma'ariv Sunday – Thursday at 5:45 pm.

For Congregational School and Young Family Shabbat programming, see pp. 10-11.

Wednesday, March 4 · 13 Adar

Erev Purim/Ta'anit Esther

7:15 am | Morning minyan will include Torah reading for a public fast day.

No service at 5:45 pm.

7:00 pm | *It's a Megillah*

After All: A Disney Purim Spiel

8:00 pm | **Ma'ariv, Megillah reading**

Thursday, March 5 · 14 Adar

Purim

7:00 am | Morning Minyan with Torah Reading for Purim and the Megillah all over again

12:00 pm | Purim Seudah, festive Purim meal

Friday, March 6 · 15 Adar

Shushan Purim

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 7 · 16 Adar

Parashat Ki Tissa

9:00 am | TGIS (see facing page)

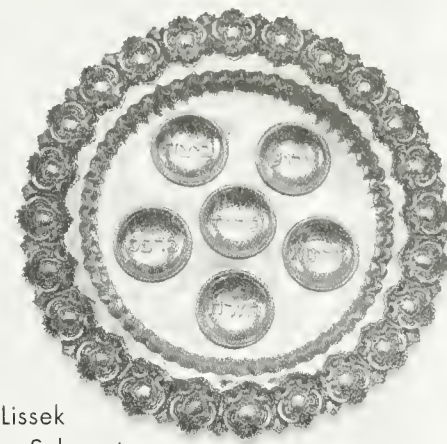
10:00 am | Sanctuary service

Shabbat HaKavod: Honoring Our Teachers and Learners (see p. 10)

20 mins after services | Minha

Sunday, March 8 · 17 Adar

11:15 am | Young Family Purim service (see p. 11)



Saturday, March 14 · 23 Adar

Parashat Va-yak-hel-P'kudei

Shabbat Parah

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

11:15 am | Tot Tefillah (see p. 11)

20 mins after services | Minha

5:00 pm | Young Family Havdalah (see p. 11)

Friday, March 20 · 29 Adar

5:00 pm | YFE Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner (see p. 11)

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 21 · 1 Nisan

Rosh Hodesh

Parashat Va-yikra

Shabbat HaHodesh

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bar Mitzvah of Danny Fisher

9:30 am | Havurah

The Havurah is a lay-led, child-friendly service open to individuals and families of all ages who want an intimate and informal prayer experience. People of all skill levels participate by leading a part of the service, reading Torah or Haftarah or by facilitating a Torah discussion. If you are interested in taking a part, but do not yet have the skills, we will help you learn!

20 mins after services | Minha

12:30 pm | Bar Mitzvah of Miles Wist Chaney

Friday, March 27 · 7 Nisan

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 28 · 8 Nisan

Parashat Tzav

Shabbat HaGadol

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bat Mitzvah of Leah Fruchtman

11:00 am | K-7 Family Service

20 mins after services | Minha

PAS clergy will preach and conduct services, with Colin Fowler at the organ and piano; the Synagogue Choir: Eno Freeman, Yonoh Gershtor, Alex Guerrero and Tim Kral; and musicians: Gil Smuskowitz, bass; Mike Cohen, woodwinds; and Ranen Itzik, percussion. Abe Lebovic is our regular Torah Reader, and Mork Froier is our Ritual Director.

Can't make it to the synagogue? PAS Sanctuary services are live streamed. Visit pasyn.org/webcast.

Community Seders RSVP Deadline

Friday | March 27 | 5:00 pm

1st Night | Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm | with Robbi Zuckerman and Contor Lissek

2nd Night | Saturday, April 4 at 7:00 pm | with Robbi Cosgrove and Contar Schwartz

Young Family Seder | Saturday, April 4 at 4:00 pm | with Robbi Witkovsky, Eliana Light, and Mott Check

Register at pasyn.org. Community Seder cost: \$85/members; \$130/general; \$50/children under age 8. YF Seder cost: \$75/members; \$50/children under age 8

Men's Club Pre-Pesah Project Ezra Food Delivery

Sunday | March 29 | 9:00 am

Seder Bootcamp

Sunday | March 29 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Hear from guest scholar David Arnow on how to create a lively seder, and participate in workshops with PAS clergy and educators on the haggadah and on music, food, and Hebrew for the seder.

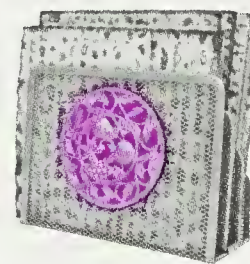
Sponsored by the Department of Adult Learning and the Women's Network

Women's Seder

Monday | March 30

6:00 pm, Cocktails and Schmoozing

6:30 pm, Seder begins



Shaharit and Siyyum for Ta'anit Bekhorot

Friday | April 3 | 7:00 am



Thank God It's Shabbat!

Saturday | March 7

A renewed approach to our day of renewal! Together we will pray, learn and strengthen the community. Find your place in the PAS Shabbat Experience. TGIS: Thank God It's Shabbat!

9:00 – 9:50 am | Activities for all ages (see pasyn.org)

10:00 am – 12:15 pm | Community Shabbat Worship & Shabbat HaKavod
We will celebrate the vibrant learning community of the Congregational School during the Shabbat morning service in the sanctuary. All learners and teachers in the Congregational School will be honored.

12:15 pm | Festive Kiddush Lunch in Honor of Our Teachers and Learners

TGIS

Synagogue Family

בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH



Danny Fisher

March 21 | *Va-yikra*
Son of Diane & Russ Fisher



Miles Wist Chaney

March 21 Minha | *Tzav*
Son of Ronda & Frank Chaney



Leah Fruchtman

March 28 | *Tzav*
Daughter of Beth & Michael Fruchtman

Caring Network

If you need assistance from the Caring Network, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Rabbi Neil Zuckerman's office at chernandez@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x143.

Sponsored by UJA@PAS

Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families

Tuesdays | 3:00 – 5:30 pm, by appointment | Shira Felberbaum, MSW

For more information or to make an appointment, please call Shira at 212-632-4735, email her at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org or contact Crystal Hernandez at chernandez@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x143.

Sponsored by UJA@PAS

Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and their Caregivers

Thursdays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, call Yael at 212-769-2850, email her at ykornfeld@darotusa.org, or contact Crystal Hernandez at chernandez@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x143.

Onsite social work support is made possible by a UJA Partners in Caring grant.

ברוכים הבאים WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Berdah-Canet & Ben Canet
Kimberly & Raphael Osnoss
Terry & Stephen Shapiro

מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

Gayle Taubman Kalisman & Michael Kalisman on the birth of a grandson, Aaron Falb Kalisman, and to his parents, Hilary & Philip Kalisman

Keren & Guy Baron on the birth of a daughter, Isla Natalie, and to big sister and brother Daphne and Eden

המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Reina & Emilio Bassini on the loss of his brother, Ronald Bassini

Sylvia Liff on the loss of her husband, Zanel (Zane) Liff

Michael Schlesinger and Hannah, Oliver and William Schlesinger, on the loss of their wife and mother, Bari Schlesinger

Gayle & Howard Sobel on the loss of his mother, Ida Sobel

Aviva Zylberberg, Susan & David Edelstein, and Joyce & John Varvatos on the loss of Aviva's husband, Susan and Joyce's father, Jakob Zylberberg

Myra Freed & Seth Orlow on the loss of Seth's mother, Leah Orlow

Gabrielle Davis & Jeffrey Ginsberg on the loss of his father, Donald Ginsberg

We apologize for the error in the February Bulletin, which offered condolences to the Harrow family and said that Norma Harrow, z"l, was Ellen Harrow's mother rather than William Harrow's.

This Month at PAS

Purim Spiel Rehearsal

Sunday | March 1 | 10:00 am
Monday | March 2 | 7:00 pm

Conservative Judaism Today and Tomorrow

Tuesday | March 3 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Cosgrove

Women in the Bible

Friday | March 6, 27 | 9:15 am | Debbie Cosgrove

The PAS Congregational Singers

Saturday/Shabbat | March 7 | 9:00 am | TGIS | Sing with Azi!
Thursdays | March 19, 26 | 7:00 pm

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday | March 9 | 8:00 pm | Pat Davidson
The Betrayers: A Novel by David Bezmozgis

Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | March 10 | 1:00 pm

Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study

Friday | March 13 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Cosponsored by Tikkun Olam and ECC
Tikkun Olam

Mitzvah Mommy and Me

Friday | March 13 | 2:00 pm

Toddlers and their caregivers will celebrate Shabbat with the elderly residents of Jewish Home Lifecare, a UJA-Federation of New York Beneficiary Agency, sing songs, have story time, and recite the blessings.

Cosponsored by JBFCs and DOROT
Partners in Giving

Significant Health Challenges, Session 3

Managing Diabetes: How Best to Maintain Your Health

Tuesday | March 17 | 6:30 pm

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday | March 23 | 11:00 am
The Coffee Trader by David Liss



Women's Network Film Series

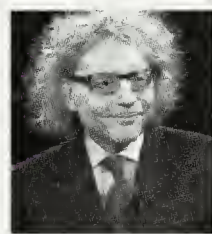
Tuesday | March 24 | 1:00 pm
The Powder and the Glory: Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubinstein

PAS Conversation

Reflections of Children of Holocaust Survivors: Thane Rosenbaum in Conversation with Menachem Rosensaft

Tuesday | March 24 | 7:00 pm

How have the children of Holocaust survivors been affected by their parents' experiences and examples? How have those experiences shaped their identities and attitudes toward God, faith, Judaism, the Jewish people and the world as a whole? Join Thane Rosenbaum and Menachem Rosensaft, contributor to and editor of *God, Faith & Identity from the Ashes, Reflections of Children and Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors*, for a dialogue on the continued legacy of the Holocaust.



THANE ROSENBAUM is an essayist, law professor and author. His writing appears in many national publications.



MENACHEM Z. ROSENSAFT, a past president of PAS, is general counsel of the World Jewish Congress and teaches about the law of genocide and war crimes trials.

Cost: Free/members; \$20/general

pasyn.org/calendar

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Weekly Classes

MONDAY

Shulhan Ivrit

March 2 | 7:00 pm

Siddur Hebrew 1 | March 9, 16, 23 |
6:25 pm | Marga Hirsch

Siddur Hebrew 2 | March 9, 16, 23 |
7:35 pm | Marga Hirsch

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly

Exploring Judaism | March 2,
9, 16, 23, 30 | 7:00 pm | Sutton Place
Synagogue | Rabbi Benjamin Resnick

TUESDAY

Essential Essays

March 10, 17, 24, 31 | approx. 8:00 am,
immediately after morning minyan |
Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought
11:30 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Adult Bat Mitzvah

March 3, 10, 17, 31 | 6:30 pm |
Cantor Shira Lissek and Rabbi Neil
Zuckerman

For additional information about classes listed here, please look in the Winter/Spring Program Catalog or on pasyn.org.

To register for Adult Education classes, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to topasyn.org and click on "Adult Education." Then, click on "Classes" on the left side of the page and on the appropriate registration link. Those without internet access may call 212-369-2600, x146.

WEDNESDAY

For Graduates of Context and FMSAJL

Beyond Borders: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Part 2 | March 18, 25 | 6:30 pm | Matt Check

For Graduates of Context and FMSAJL

Po-lyn: The Complicated Present, Past and Future of Poland and Its Jews
March 18, 25 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 2
6:45 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek and
Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Note: Because of the PAS Gala, this class will meet on *Tuesday, March 10*, instead of on Wednesday, March 11.

Foundations of Jewish Family Living: Jewish Values for Parents to Share with Their Children

March 25 | 7:00 pm | Rabbi Eve Rudin

THURSDAY

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 1

March 12, 19, 26 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove and Debbie Cosgrove

For Graduates of Context and FMSAJL

The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs

March 19, 26 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Charles Savenor

For Graduates of Context and FMSAJL

Shemot I: From Slavery to Sinai

March 19, 26 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

Library Lunch & Learn

12:00 pm

March 5 | Purim Seudah | No cost, but please register in advance at pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, 121.

March 12 | Insights from Israel | Rabbi Michael Graetz (by Skype from Israel)

March 19 | Matt Check

March 26 | Matt Check

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly

Exploring Judaism

7:00 pm | March 5, 12, 19, Brotherhood Synagogue; March 26, Ansche Chesed | Rabbi Joel Shaiman

FRIDAY

Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study

8:00 am, immediately after morning minyan | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

SATURDAY/SHABBAT

Parashat HaShavua

8:45 am | For March 7, see TGIS schedule (p. 5)

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Park Avenue Synagogue ק"ק אגודת י"שים



“LET ANYONE WHO IS HUNGRY COME AND EAT.”

We begin our seders with this declaration. One of the greatest mitzvot we can fulfill is inviting guests into our homes. Our festive meals are bounded by history as we reenact and relive the journey from slavery to redemption. One way we can make the transition from the servitude of Egypt to the metaphorical freedom of Jerusalem is by taking care of the needs of the poor and the lonely, by broadening our definition of family to include the entire community. When we are mindful of the needs of others, our freedom is truly sanctified.

KASHERING 101:

The Principles Behind the Preparation

KASHERING IS the process of making dishes and utensils kosher. The process is the same whether one is making year-round equipment kosher for Pesah or making a newly acquired vintage item fit for use in a kosher kitchen or restoring the kosher status of an item involved in a kitchen mix-up, like a dairy spoon accidentally used to stir chicken soup.

THE BASICS

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE in kashering is that the way a utensil absorbs food is the way it can be cleansed of that food: כי בולעו כך פולטו, *ki vol'o kakh polto*. It's clear from the ancient rabbis' application of this principle that they understood enough physics and chemistry to recognize the role of heat in absorption.

■ Dishes and utensils used only with cold food do not absorb any food. They may be kashered by rinsing in cold water. With regard to food, the rabbinic definition of “cold” is not “chilled.” Rabbinic “cold” includes warm, up to the point that something is so warm that you could not comfortably keep your bare hand in it for two minutes, approximately 120° F.

■ Pots used on a stovetop absorb food by boiling. They can be kashered by

immersion in boiling water, a process called הגעלה, *hag'alah*. If a food prep surface is too large to immerse, like a stove top, one pours boiling water over it, a process called עירוי, *iruy*.

■ Utensils used in an oven or over an open fire absorb food by fire. They can be kashered by exposure to high heat as in a self-cleaning oven or by application of a blowtorch. Since most utensils would be destroyed by this process, baking pans and cookie sheets can be kashered in theory, but not in practice. The process is called ליבון, *libbun*.

The principle of *ki vol'o kakh polto* applies only to glass and metal. Earthenware dishes and other items made of porous materials cannot be kashered by any process, because they absorb food so completely.



THE ROLE OF POTTED PLANTS

IT IS A COMMON MISCONCEPTION that cutlery can be kashered by sticking it into a flowerpot and leaving it there for a day. Where did that come from? Before a utensil is kashered, it must be cleaned and then left unused for 24 hours. In pre-modern homes, a good way to take a utensil out of circulation was to stick it into the ground (or the dirt floor) near the cooking fire. Once kitchens had stoves and finished floors, a potted plant took the place of the dirt floor. Sticking a fork or spoon into a flowerpot may be part of the preparation for kashering, but it doesn't make the item kosher. (There is a procedure for kashering a knife – only a smooth-bladed knife, and only in very limited circumstances – that involves plunging the blade into hard-packed earth a dozen times, but not leaving it stuck in the ground. The flowerpot misconception may also be a distortion of this procedure.)

Preparing the Home

MANY PEOPLE begin active preparation for Pesah the moment Purim is over, cleaning the house room by room, holding back from buying hametz foods, and using up what is in the pantry. While it is wonderful to enter Pesah with a clean home, it is also important to remember that all schmutz is not hametz. Better to miss a dustball than to take no joy in the approach of the holiday.

SELLING OF HAMETZ

Mekhirat hametz

RECOGNIZING THAT not everyone can eat, remove or destroy all leavened products, the rabbinic sages provided a legal remedy. Through *mekhirat hametz*, the selling of hametz to a non-Jew, we arrange technically not to own whatever hametz food and utensils are stored away in our homes. We accomplish this by authorizing the rabbi to act as our agent to sell all our hametz and hametz utensils to a non-Jew. Although in other sales, the seller receives money, in this one, the seller accompanies the sale authorization with a donation, called *ma'ot hittin*, "money for wheat," which the rabbi will use to support Jews who cannot afford matzah and other necessities for the holiday.

The sale of hametz is a valid legal transaction. At the end of Pesah, the rabbi will arrange to buy back the items on behalf of the owners, since hametz is once again permitted. Hametz owned by a Jew for which ownership is not transferred before Pesah is forbidden for use after the holiday; it is called *hametz sheh-avar alav ha-Pesah*.

Rabbi Zuekerman will be negotiating the sale of hametz. To authorize him as your agent, come in person to sign the form in the rabbis' office, or visit pasyn.org, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources. Either authorize the sale electronically or print the form, fill it out, and bring or send it to the synagogue by 7:00 am on Friday, April 3.

SEARCHING FOR HAMETZ & DESTROYING IT

B'dikat hametz and Bi'ur hametz

THE TRADITION ENSURES that even if we've overlooked a corner, the house will be ready. The night before Pesah, even though the house has been cleaned from top to bottom, we make a formal, ritual search for hametz. The next morning we burn any remnants we've found. Both at the search and at the disposal, we declare any hametz we've missed to be ownerless, that is, it's as if it isn't there.

The procedure for the search, including the declaration that nullifies the hametz, is printed in many haggadot. Briefly: before doing the search, set aside the hametz you plan to eat the next morning. Then, to make certain the search is successful, place a few pieces of bread or crackers where they are sure to be seen.

Before searching, recite:

*Barukh atah Adonai
eloheinu melekh ha-olam
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu al bi'ur hametz.*

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו
וצונו על בעור חמץ:

Blessed are You, Lord our
God, Ruler of the universe,
who has commanded us
concerning the removal of
hametz.

FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Ta'anit bekhorot

FIRSTBORNS (whether of their father or their mother) are obligated to fast on erev Pesah to commemorate the redemption of Israel's firstborn while Egypt's firstborn perished; however, the commandment to celebrate the completion of a unit of Talmud study (siyyum) outweighs the commandment to fast. In order not to have to fast on the day before the seder, firstborn sons (and increasingly, daughters) attend morning minyan and a culminating study session and then join in the celebratory meal afterwards.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 7:00 AM
MORNING MINYAN FOLLOWED BY
A SIYYUM & BREAKFAST

Re-enacting the search of Mishnaic times, search by the light of a candle (or small flashlight). It is traditional to use a feather to brush the hametz into a large wooden spoon, but you can use any brush and container. Some people save the lulav from Sukkot to use as a sweeper. Look everywhere that food may have been brought, including storage areas.

After the search say, "*All leaven and all hametz that is in my possession that I did not see and did not destroy, let it be null and ownerless as the dust of the earth.*"

The following morning, take the hametz from the search, plus whatever is left from breakfast, and burn it. Throw it into an incinerator, or burn it in a charcoal grill. After the hametz is in the fire, say: "*All leaven and all hametz that is in my possession that I have seen or not seen, that I have destroyed or have not destroyed, let it be null and ownerless as the dust of the earth.*"

Preparing the Kitchen

THIS SECTION is based on material prepared by the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law & Standards (CJLS), which is available on our website. Go to pasyn.org; under Worship With Us, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources. The RA Guide has been revised for 2015 to reflect changes in food production, as well as decisions of the CJLS since last year. If you have saved a copy of the Guide with your Passover lists and recipes, be sure to replace it with the 2015 version. If you have questions regarding Pesah practice, contact the rabbis' office at 212-369-2600, x120.

FOOD

The Torah states that one may not eat any hametz during Pesah. Since many prepared foods may contain some admixture of hametz, special care is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesah. All kosher for Pesah items must have a label indicating the name of a recognizable living supervising Rabbi or kosher supervision agency.

PROHIBITED FOODS

Foods *except matzah* made from the 5 grains which the Torah forbids on Pesah: **wheat, oats, barley, rye, spelt**. For example: **bread, cakes, cookies, cereal**. Paradoxically, matzah *may only* be made from the 5 grains. All foods containing derivatives of the 5 grains, such as: **caffees containing cereal derivatives, grain vinegar (used in pickles and mustard), foods containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol (e.g., vanilla extract)** are prohibited.

KITNIYOT

KITNIYOT, LITERALLY "LITTLE THINGS," are beans and seeds that look like the five prohibited grains or that may be ground into flour that resembles grain flour, including lentils, chickpeas, rice, corn, buckwheat, millet, soybeans and sesame seeds. Ashkenazic authorities do not allow these foods on Pesah. Most Ashkenazic authorities also forbid, although there are some who permit, the use of kitniyot products in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners and corn oil, but not popcorn; lecithin, but not soybeans. The CJLS has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, provided they have proper kosher supervision and no obvious hametz, but most Ashkenazim still do not eat them on Pesah. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all kitniyot and kitniyot products, provided they are carefully examined to make certain no grain seeds are mixed in with them. Israeli Pesah products are often marked *Kosher lePesah l'okhlei kitniyot*, "Kosher for Passover for those who eat kitniyot." If you do not intend to use kitniyot, you must be especially attentive to the labels when purchasing Israeli products for Pesah. If you want to be sure that all guests will be comfortable in your home, follow the more restrictive standard. If you want to use kitniyot products, consult our rabbis.

BABY FOOD

BABY FOOD with Kosher lePesah certification may be available, but it is not necessary. Pure vegetable prepared baby food that is kosher year round may be used on Pesah. You can also make your own baby food using Passover ingredients and utensils. You may use kitniyot for babies, even if you do not use kitniyot products for the rest of the family, if you take care not to mix the baby food with food for everyone else. This also applies to infant formula, which is most often made with soy. Infant formula products that are kosher year round may be used on Pesah. Keep the formula, as well as bottles and nipples, away from the general food prep area; if possible, wash equipment outside of the kitchen (e.g., in a special dishpan in the bathroom).

PERMITTED FOODS

1 Foods that require Kosher lePesah certification

- All baked products (including matzah and all products containing matzah, such as farfel, matzah meal, matzah cake flour)
- Candy
- Canned or bottled fruit juice
- Canned tuna
- Dairy products, including flavored milk, cheese, sour cream, yogurt and ice cream
- Decaf coffee and tea
- Dried fruits
- Frozen uncooked vegetables (see Kitniyot)
- Ground spices
- Herbal tea
- Jam
- Pickled herring
- Soda drinks
- Oils (other than olive oil)
- Unsalted grade AA butter
- Vinegar
- Wine and other alcoholic beverages
- Any processed foods bought during Pesah

2 Foods that require no Kosher lePesah label if bought before Pesah, but do require a Kosher lePesah label if bought during Pesah

- White milk
- Frozen uncooked fruit with no additives
- Honey
- Pure fruit juices
- Quinoa (with nothing mixed in)
- Salt (non-iodized)
- Sugar (except confectioner's sugar, which contains cornstarch; see Kitniyot)
- Equal Exchange fairly traded organic chocolate (shop.equalexchange.caap/chocolate)

3 Foods that require no Kosher lePesah label whether purchased before or during Pesah

- Baking soda (bicarbonate of soda)
- Coffee – regular, not decaf, without flavoring and without additives
- Eggs
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Fresh fish
- Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated (The supermarket is required by the FDA to have a list of such products.)
- Fresh or frozen, raw koshered meat except ground products (Ground products could be prepared on the same equipment as meat with prohibited materials.)
- Pure black, green or white tea (incl. tea bags)
- Whole (unground) spices and tree nuts (including halves, but not pieces)

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NOTE ABOUT PERMITTED FOODS: *During the eight days of Pesah hametz does not lose its identity in a mixture. On these eight days, even the minutest amount of hametz in a food makes the entire food hametz. During the rest of the year, however, hametz follows the normal rabbinic rule of admixture (batel ba-shishim); that is, it loses its identity in a mixture of one part hametz and sixty parts non-hametz. It is this distinction that allows us to differentiate between foods purchased before Pesah and foods purchased during the holiday.*

Suppose that a 5-lb. bag of sugar contains an infinitesimal amount of hametz. Before Pesah, the hametz is nullified according to the rule of batel ba-shishim, and all the sugar is considered non-hametz. One can buy it before Pesah and use it during the holiday. During Pesah, however, the tiny quantity of hametz makes all the sugar in the bag hametz; one can't acquire it and use it during the holiday. If one buys a package of sugar during the week of Pesah, it must have Kosher lePesah certification.

NON FOODS

MEDICINE: Prescription medicines are permitted. Non-prescription pills and capsules are permitted; for liquids, check with our rabbis.

TOILETRIES & COSMETICS: It is not necessary to dispose of or sell non-food items such as shampoo or cologne, and they may be used on Pesah. One should use a new toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.

DETERGENTS & CLEANSERS: Detergent and soap do not need a Kosher lePesah label.

PET FOOD: The issue of feeding pets on Pesah is complicated. To read about the options, see the *Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide*; go to pasyn.org; under Worship With Us, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources.

KITCHEN

IT IS CUSTOMARY (and if one has the space, easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, and to replace them with utensils used only for Pesah. For most people, this is not possible for major appliances and may not be possible for dishes and utensils. There are therefore ways to kasher many, but not all, kitchen items to make them usable on Pesah.

Decide in advance which year-round equipment you want to use on Pesah. The process of switching an item over to Pesah use requires a 24-hour period between using it for hametz and making it ready for Pesah. It may not be possible to change something over at the last moment (unless it happens not to have been used for the past 24 hours).

STORING HAMETZ WHICH HAS BEEN SOLD
Separate hametz food and non-Pesah dishes and utensils from Pesah food and utensils and put them away in a box or a closed cabinet. A dishwasher that is not kashered for Pesah makes a good storage place! Tape hametz drawers and cabinets closed to prevent opening them out of habit.

POTS, PANS, DISHES & UTENSILS
The method for kashering kitchen utensils depends on how they are used. For an explanation, see "Kashering 101" on page 2.

METAL

The following procedures apply only to cutlery and utensils made entirely of uncoated metal. Baking utensils cannot be kashered.

Thoroughly clean the items, then leave them unused for a full 24 hours. Pay extra attention to pot handles. If a handle can be removed, do so for a more thorough cleaning.

After the 24-hour waiting period, immerse the items in water at a rolling boil in a Passover pot. Each item must be completely exposed to the boiling water. Immerse pots and pans in a larger pot (may be done one section at a time) or boil water in them and then drop something in to make the boiling water overflow and cover the rim and sides of the pot. In former times, one used a heated stone; the lid to a smaller pot also works. Immerse cutlery, kiddush cups and other small items individually, so that every part of each piece is exposed to the boiling water. Finally, rinse each item in cold water.

GLASSWARE

Drinking glasses and glass dishes used only for cold foods may be kashered by a simple rinsing. Some people follow the custom of soaking them in water for 3 days, changing the water every day.

Glass cookware and dishes used for preparing and eating hot food are treated like metal utensils. Clean them, leave them unused for 24 hours, then immerse them in boiling water.

PYREX

If it has not been used in the oven, treat it like glassware. If it has been used in the oven, then (like a metal baking pan) it cannot be kashered.

EARTHENWARE

China and pottery cannot be kashered, except fine china that has not been used for a full year may be made kosher lePesah by cleaning it thoroughly in hot water. The dishes then become like new, and may be designated for either meat or dairy.

PLASTIC

Most plastic items may not be kashered; however, heavy-duty items that do not stain permanently may be kashered by boiling water, provided they can withstand the heat.

OVEN

Put self-cleaning ovens through the self-cleaning cycle. Wipe out ash residue with a Passover sponge. In other ovens, scrub the walls, top, and bottom, and scour the racks. Then heat the oven at maximum heat for an hour. Kasher a convection oven the same way; make sure to clean thoroughly around the fan.

STOVETOPS

If the stove top lifts, open it and clean underneath.

Clean the grates and drip pans. If the drip pans do not come clean, buy a separate set for Pesah or cover them with foil.

Turn the burners to full heat (only two at a time, to avoid overheating the area). Electric elements should be heated until they turn red and glow; gas burners, for long enough to burn away any residue on the grates.

Smooth top electric ranges present a challenge. Clean the top thoroughly; turn the burners to maximum so that the stovetop becomes as hot as possible; then carefully pour boiling water on the surface area around the burners.

MICROWAVE OVENS

A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered. Other microwave ovens should be thoroughly cleaned. Then put 2 cups of water in a kosher lePesah container and microwave on high until half the water has boiled away. Caution: boiling away all the water and running the microwave empty will damage the oven.

DISHWASHER

If the dishwasher is stainless-steel-lined, clean it thoroughly, then run it empty (with racks in) for a full cycle with detergent. This completes the cleaning. Leave the dishwasher unused for 24 hours. Then run it again, empty, without detergent, to kasher it. After this process, the dishwasher and the racks are like new. Enamel-coated dishwashers cannot be kashered.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

If parts that come into contact with food are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. Kasher removable parts in the same way as non-electric utensils. Thoroughly clean all exposed parts.

REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER

Clean the refrigerator according to the manufacturer's instructions. Defrost (if necessary) and clean the freezer. Racks should not be covered.

KITCHEN SINK

Thoroughly clean the sink with special attention to the drain. Put a new rack or liner in the bottom and use a Passover dishpan.

To kasher a metal sink so that you do not need a dishpan, clean it, leave it unused for 24 hours, then pour boiling water over all surfaces of the sink, including the lip.

COUNTERS

The general rule is to clean them thoroughly, and then cover them with Contact®, foil, or plastic sheets (which can be saved year-to-year). Some types of counter may be kashered without covering them as long as they are not stained, scratched, cracked, or chipped; however, the process requires leaving them unused for 24 hours. For instructions and to see whether or not your counter is eligible, see the *Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide*; go to pasyn.org; under Worship With Us, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources.

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Follow the same procedure as for counters. If the surface is not used for food prep, paper or cloth may be used for covers. The cloth must not have been exposed to hametz, e.g., starch.

SHELVES AND CABINETS

Wipe them well. If you use shelf paper, replace it. If not, wiped shelves do not have to be covered.

Cover: Pewter Passover plate (1810) from the Steinhardt Collection, a generous gift from a PAS family

Gallery



Joseph Bau: A Man of His Time and Beyond

February – April

Joseph Bau recorded the human experience for more than seven decades, in stark, black and white images of the Holocaust; in colorful oils reflecting his life in Israel; and in art of the Hebrew letters. As a prisoner of the Nazis, Joseph Bau saved his own life by creating maps and documents for his captors, all the while fabricating documents that enabled others to escape. Beginning in 1950, Bau documented the experience of the early years of the State of Israel in art and in film. Called the "Disney of Israel," Joseph Bau created classic animation and titles for many of Israel's early films. His iconic advertising logos are recognized decades later.

Library

Monday | 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday – Thursday | 12:00 – 6:30 pm

Friday | by appointment



The Edmond de Rothschild Library
Director: Marga Hirsch

The library is one of the most popular and valuable resources at PAS, and now it's better than ever. We've reorganized the books. Instead of the Dewey Decimal system that you know from school and public libraries, we are using the Elazar system, designed especially for Jewish libraries. The labels look the same, but now the collection is organized according to Jewish categories. Books hold Jewish knowledge, and now you can find it faster.

Go to pasyn.org, click on Rothschild Library, and follow the link to the catalog, or stop by in person. Enjoy fiction, biographies, poetry and short stories. Study Bible, theology, Jewish living, Israel, and more. Bring your kids to the great children's section, where they can borrow books or just hang out and play with puzzles and toys. When a librarian isn't in, follow the posted instructions to check out or return books.

Closed for classes:

Mondays, March 9, 16, and 23, 6:30 – 9:00 pm;
Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 – 8:00 pm; and on
Thursdays, March 19 and 26, 9:15 – 10:15 am.

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Congregational School Schedule



- Saturday | March 7 | Shabbat HaKavod & TGIS
9:00 am | TGIS activities for all ages (see p. 5)
10:00 am | All learners and families join in community worship | PAS Sanctuary
12:15 pm | Festive Kiddush lunch
4:00 pm | Vav (Grade 6) Book Club with Rabbi Cosgrove
- Saturday | March 14 | No Shabbat Experience Programs
- Monday – Sunday | March 16 – 22 | No Congregational School classes
- Monday | March 23 | Classes resume
- Saturday | March 28 | 11:00 am | Family Shabbat service | PAS
- Monday - Thursday | March 30 – April 2 | Family Passover Programs for Gan, Alef, Bet (K-2)



PAS Youth Choir
Saturday | March 7 | 9:00 – 9:50 am | TGIS
The Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Choir is open to children age five and up. The Youth Choir learns music and performs with our cantors at Shabbat and holiday services.
For more information, contact Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org.



Shabbat HaKavod: Honoring Our Teachers and Our Learners
Saturday | March 7 | 10:00 am | at services in the Sanctuary
We will acknowledge the hard work that all the children in the PAS community put into their studies. It is an opportunity for us to see and hear all that they have accomplished, to thank their teachers, and to worship together as a learning community.

Poem

Where I'm From

BY MIRA BIEBER

I am from soft woo woos
From my baby blanket.

I am from Shabbat candles,
From Chanukah.
I am from challah,
From challah French toast.

I am from my house,
From Park Avenue Synagogue.

I am from my family,
From my friends.

Mira Bieber, 7, is in second grade at The Lower Lab School. Her in-class assignment was to write a poem inspired by "Where I'm From" by George Ella Lyon.

Young Family Education

To RSVP for any program, go to www.pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events on the right side, click on the event name. For dinners, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible until the Wednesday before the dinner.

YFE WORSHIP & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Purim for Young Children and Their Families

Families with children of all ages are welcome at all Purim celebrations (see p. 4). Recognizing that the evening programs may be too late and too long, we also have Purim festivities designed for our youngest merrymakers.

Mini-Spiel and Mini-Megillah Sunday | March 8 | 11:15 am

Purim Carnival Sunday | March 8 | 12:00 pm

Shirat Shabbat

Friday | March 6 | 9:10 – 9:35 am | For parents and toddlers ages three and under

Join Matt Check and a member of the clergy for song, dance, a short story and challah to welcome in Shabbat.

Mitzvah Mommy and Me

Friday | March 13 | 2:00 pm | See p. 7

Tot Tefillah

Saturdays | March 14, 28 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Services include Shabbat songs, dancing, a PJ Library story and other activities, and end with kiddush and a light snack.

Havdalah for Families with Young Children

Saturday | March 14 | 5:00 pm

Havdalah (Hebrew for “distinction”) is the service that separates Shabbat from the rest of the week. Led by members of the clergy, we end Shabbat with a crafts project or other activity, a short service, and a snack.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner for Families with Young Children

Friday | March 20 | Service 5:00 pm, Dinner approx. 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Families with children ages zero to six are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program. Children with March birthdays will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift. Space is limited.

Cost: \$40/members; \$45/general; \$20/children

A Taste of Torah – Jewish Activities for Pre-K

Thursdays | March 26, April 30, May 14 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Sessions include arts & crafts, baking and storytelling. Children may attend any or all of the monthly sessions.

Cost: \$50/session

CAMP



Jewish Summer Experiences for Teens

Over the past months, we’ve highlighted opportunities for children at Jewish day camp and Jewish sleep-away camp. What is there for Jewish teens? The answer: plenty! Whether a teen has never experienced the fun and inspiration of Jewish summer camp, or whether they’ve attended camp but have now aged out of it, there are exciting Jewish summer experiences ahead.

United Synagogue Youth (USY) – the teen program of the Conservative movement – offers a variety of summer travel programs. Trips range in length from ten days to six weeks. USY on Wheels tours North America, with some trips that focus on doing social justice projects on the road. USY also offers Israel Adventures, as well as trips that begin with a week or two in Europe and continue in Israel. Regardless of the destination, the real meaning of these experiences is the getting there. Teens return home with mementos, new friends, and intangible skills that prepare them to take their places in the Jewish community and in the world at large.

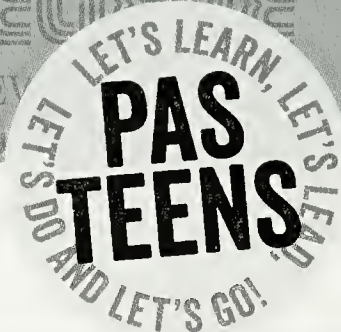
For more information on USY summer programs or other Jewish teen programs, as well as any Jewish summer camps, contact Rabbi Eve Rudin at erudin@pasyn.org.

Register now!

Summer and Fall Toddler and Afterschool Programs

Visit pasyn.org, click on Young Family Education and then on the links to the left.

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PAS Teens & Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

Contact Jordan Soffer, Director of Teen Programs, jsoffer@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x147 or 845-596-7134 for more information.

LET'S LEARN

Dinner and Discussions

Wednesdays | March 11, 18, 25 | 6:00 pm

Enjoy dinner and discussion with Rabbi Witkovsky, Jordan Soffer, and Rabbi Savenor. We'll look at issues of Jewish identity, Israeli politics, and general questions in modern Judaism. Also Coffee Talk with Pauline Zablow!

LET'S DO

PAS Food Pantry

Wednesdays | March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4:00 pm | Food packing
 Fridays | March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:30 pm | Food distribution

Purim!

Wednesday | March 4
 7:00 pm | Purim Spiel
 8:00 pm | Megillah Reading

Meet at 6:50 pm in the lower level lobby, so that we can sit together. We'll cheer for Avi Grun, Sarah Fruchtman, and Max Silverstone, who have major roles in the Spiel, and then we'll boo Haman in the Megillah. Don't miss the chance to be silly in synagogue – wear a funny hat, an outrageous scarf, or flamboyant jewelry!

Purim Carnival

Saturday | March 7 | 7:00 pm | Set-up and Pizza Party
 Sunday | March 8 | 11:30 am – 3:30 pm | Carnival!

Help the younger learners in the ECC and the Congregational School have a blast for Purim. Come set up even if you can't be at the Carnival. Help at the Carnival even if you can't help set up. Or come for both! Email Jordan to let him know when you will be there.

Parent and Teen Shabbat Study with Rabbi Cosgrove

Saturday | March 21 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Post-Bnei Mitzvah learners and their parents are invited to meet at Rabbi Cosgrove's apartment for study, schmoozing, snacks and Shabbat fun!

LET'S GO

how i met your rabbi

Friday | Date TBA | 7:30 pm

Teens are invited to Shabbat dinners with PAS rabbis and Jordan Soffer. Join us for a delicious meal, singing and Shabbat fun!

NEW!

PAS Teens A Capella Group

Rehearsals | Saturdays | March 14, 28; April 11, 18; May 9, 16, 30; June 6 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Performance: Shabbat morning services | May 2 | 10:00 am
 Performance: Annual Musicale | Sunday | May 17 | late afternoon

Spend an hour on Shabbat afternoon with friends who like to sing, schmooze and snack. Rehearsals will take place at Cantor Azi Schwartz's home. Contact Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x115 for the address.



College Connections: Help us keep in touch with your college student on campus! High School graduates remain part of the PAS family during their college years. They receive emails with synagogue news, updates, and insights from PAS clergy and educators, plus holiday packages several times a year. *If you've not yet registered or updated your student's contact information on pasyn.org, do it no later than Friday, March 27, so they will receive their Pesah package at the start of next month.*

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Stephen Judlowe, in memory of Abram Judlowe.

Howard Kaplan, in memory of Louis Kaplan.

Marilyn Katz, in memory of Irving Greenberg.

Henry Katz, in memory of Bessie Katz.

Arnold Komisar, in memory of Sonia Komisar.

Jody & Steven Konstadt, wishing Pauline & Milt Zablow congratulations on their son's engagement.

Aron & Lillian Krell, in honor of their anniversary.

Dorothy Lang, in most loving and cherished memory of my father, Abraham Kleiman.

Martin Levenson & Joan Levine Levenson, in honor of our granddaughter Phoebe Block's Bat Mitzvah.

Martin Levenson, in memory of Barney Levenson.

Phyllis & Bernard Leventhal, in loving memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.

Bernard Leventhal, in honor of his birthday.

Linda Levine, in memory of Rose Rothman.

Judy Lobel, in memory of Solomon Linder.

Sivia Loria, in memory of Ruth Warshauer.

Larry Lurin & Eileen Lewis-Lurin, in memory of Jack G. Lewis.

Larry Lurin & Eileen Lewis-Lurin, in memory of Philip & Shella Lurin.

Ann Lyons, in memory of Gussie Moskowitz.

Lili Mahlab, in memory of Edward Mahlab.

Martin Milston, in memory of Louis Milston.

Nathan Moser, in honor of his birthday.

Murray & Shanin Mruvka, in honor of their anniversary.

Ariela Noy, in honor of Devra Block.

Walter & Blossom Peretz, in honor of their anniversary.

Blossom Peretz, in honor of her birthday.

Jeffrey Poss, in honor of his birthday.

Hannah Poss, in honor of her birthday.

Ruth Rabinowitz, in memory of Howard Roberts.

Ellen Roizen, in memory of Sheldon Rodbell.

Hilary Ronner, in honor of her birthday.

Joann Abrams Rosoff, in memory of my mother, Dr. Anna Thurman Abrams.

Judi & Michael Rowland.

Ethel Rubinstein, in honor of her birthday.

Richard Samuels & Janet Weisberg-Samuels, in honor of their anniversary.

The Schackner Family, in memory of Bari Schlesinger.

Susan Schwartz, in memory of Michael Schwartz.

Melvin Schweitzer, in memory of Betty Schweitzer.

Fernand Sebban.

Michael Seiden, in memory of Beatrice Seiden.

Dana Shani, in honor of her birthday.

Leo Silverstein, in memory of Max Silverstein.

Leo Silverstein, in memory of Martha Silverstein.

Doris Siskin, in memory of Jean Goldberg.

Barry & Donna Slotnick.

Craig Solomon, in honor of his birthday.

Ernest Stern, in memory of Henry Stern.

Zina Stern, in honor of her birthday.

Leone Straus, in honor of her birthday.

Vera Wolff Sullivan, in honor of my father, Fritz Wolff.

Vera Wolff Sullivan, in honor of Paul Corwin's birthday and his outstanding service to our community.

Barbara & Joshua Tannenbaum, in honor of their anniversary.

Roslyn Vera, in honor of Pat Davidson.

Roslyn Vera, in honor of Renée Waldinger.

Lillian Weichsel.

Marvin & Lois Weinberg, in honor of their anniversary.

Sydelle & Andy Weinberger, in loving memory of Rose Zachary.

Evelyn Wrubel, in memory of Dr. George Wrubel.

Linda Yarden & Chris Smith and Callie and Eric Smith, in memory of Stephen Perlstein's father, David Perlstein.

Linda Yarden & Chris Smith, in memory of Lee Yarden.

Jodi & Charles Yellen, in honor of the Matatov family.

Bernard Zuckerman, in honor of his birthday.

Ellen Zweig-Phillips, in memory of Annette Zweig.

TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Aviva Weintraub, in memory of Max Weintraub.

WELFARE FUND

Herta Gottschalk and Michael Gottschalk, in memory of Ernest Gottschalk.

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December 23, 2014 – January 22, 2015

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Leslie Cornell

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James Goldman

Mark & Marcia Goldstein

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Andrea Hirsch

Marga Hirsch

Irving Hoffman

Lewis & Della Honig

Gary & Kathy Jacob

Barry & Bianca Jonas

Lilly Kaufman

David & Alexandra Kay

Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun

Mortimer & Barbara Klaus

Avi & Lara Kometz

Richard & Natasha Krupp

Joel & Holly Kurtzberg

Neil Kutner & Naomi Grabel

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Elisabeth Lerner

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Richard & Christine Mack

Jeffrey & Ann Mann

Jane Matthews

Dana Meltzer

Lawrence Morrison & Hayley

Friedman Morrison

Yusuf & Jaya Nahmiyas

David & Samantha Nigliazzo

Larry & Nancy Pantirer

Louis & Barbara Perlmutter

Frank & Carol Pollak

Robert & Tracey Pruzan

Steven & Lisa Rizzi

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Bryan & Christine Siegel

Daniel & Lauren Silvers

Philip Singer & Kimberly Molstre

Derek Smith & Rachel Bluth

Edmund Soleymani & Sherrie

Ohebshalom Soleymani

Andrew Spring & Robin Kalish

Zeev & Carrie Stegman

Michael & Elizabeth Steinberg

Elise Strauss

Marshall & Sally Tycher

Alan Ulan & Bonnie Nitzberg Ulan

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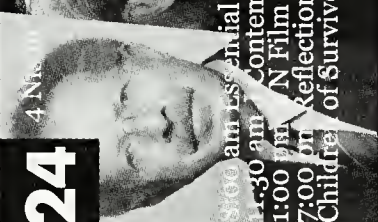
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March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 Adar	2 11 Adar 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit 7:00 pm Spiel Rehearsal	3 12 Adar 11:30 am J Contemp Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 6:30 pm Conservative Judaism Today & Tomorrow	4 13 Adar Erev Purim/Ta'anit Esther 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing No service at 5:45 pm 7:00 pm Purim Spiel 8:00 pm Megillah Reading	5 14 Adar Purim 7:00 am Purim Morning Service 12:00 pm Purim Seudah 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	6 15 Adar Shushan Purim Candles, 5:48 pm	7 16 Adar Parashat Ki Tissa Shabbat HaKavod 9:00 am TGIS 10:00 am Sanctuary service & Shabbat HaKavod 20 mins after svces Minha 4:00 pm Vav Book Club 7:00 pm Purim Carnival set-up
8 17 Adar 11:15 am YFE Purim Service 12:00 pm Purim Carnival	9 18 Adar 6:25 pm Hebrew 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:35 pm Hebrew 2 8:00 pm Book Discuss Grp	10 19 Adar 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm Yiddish Club 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 6:45 pm Melton 2	11 20 Adar 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen Learning 6:30 pm PAS Gala 2015	12 21 Adar 9:15 am Melton 1 12:00 pm Insights from Israel 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	13 22 Adar Candles, 6:55 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 9:15 am Caffeine for the Soul 2:00 pm Mitzvah Mommy & Me 3:30 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	14 23 Adar Parashat Va-yak-hel- P'kudei Shabbat Parah 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 11:15 am Tot Tefillah 20 mins after svces Minha 5:00 pm YFE Havdalah
15 24 Adar 6:25 pm Hebrew 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:35 pm Hebrew 2	16 25 Adar 6:25 pm Hebrew 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:35 pm Hebrew 2	17 26 Adar 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am J Contemp Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 6:30 pm Managing Diabetes	18 27 Adar 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:30 pm Beyond Borders 6:30 pm Po-lyn 6:45 pm Melton 2	19 28 Adar 9:15 am Melton 1 9:15 am Holocaust Diaries 9:15 am Shemot I 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Cong Singers 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:00 pm MC Wine Tasting	20 29 Adar Candles, 7:02 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 3:30 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm YFE svce & dinner 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	21 1 Nisan Rosh Hodesh Parashat Va-yikra Shabbat HaHodosh 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 am Havurah 20 mins after svces Minha 4:00 pm Teen Study
22 2 Nisan 8:00 am Hametz Food Drive begins 11:00 am Book Discuss Grp 6:25 pm Hebrew 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:35 pm Hebrew 2	23 3 Nisan 8:00 am Hametz Food Drive begins 11:00 am Book Discuss Grp 6:25 pm Hebrew 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:35 pm Hebrew 2	24 4 Nisan  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am J Contemp Thought 1:00 pm J N Film Series 7:00 pm Reflections of Children of Survivors	25 5 Nisan 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen Learning 6:30 pm Beyond Borders 6:30 pm Po-lyn 6:45 pm Melton 2 7:00 pm Foundations	26 6 Nisan 9:15 am Melton 1 9:15 am Holocaust Diaries 9:15 am Shemot I 12:00 pm Library L&L 6:30 pm Empty Chair at the Seder 7:00 pm Cong Singers 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	27 7 Nisan Candles, 7:09 pm 8:00 am Daf HaShavua 9:15 am Women in the Bible 3:30 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Teen Shabbat Dinner	28 8 Nisan Parashat Tzav Shabbat HaGadol 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 11:00 am CS K-7 Family svce 20 mins after svces Minha
29 9 Nisan 9:00 am Project Ezra Food Delivery 10:00 am Seder Bootcamp	30 10 Nisan 6:30 pm Women's Seder 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	31 11 Nisan 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am J Contemp Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah	Daily minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am, except where noted. Sundays at 9:00 am. Ma'ariv Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Shabbat mincha 20 minutes after the end of morning services.			



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A Look Ahead: *April*

PESAH 5775 AT PAS

Friday, April 3 • 14 Nisan

7:00 pm | First Night Community Seder | Led by Rabbi Neil Zuckerman and Cantor Shira Lissek

Saturday, April 4 • 15 Nisan

9:15 am | Festival service & Food Pantry Shabbat

4:00 pm | Young Family Pesah Seder

7:00 pm | Second Night Community Seder | Led by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove and Cantor Azi Schwartz

See p. 5 for RSVP information. Visit pasyn.org for a complete list of worship, classes and events for Pesah 5775.

AFTER PESAH

Music and Memory: A Yom HaShoah Observance

Led by Cantor Shira Lissek

Wednesday | April 15 | 6:00 pm

East Side Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration with the Jewish National Fund

Wednesday | April 22 | 7:00 pm

Seminary Shabbat

Chancellor Arnold Eisen, Jewish Theological Seminary

Saturday | April 25 | Sanctuary Service